Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have since finalised the multi million dollar deal for the purchase of advanced jet trainer aircrafts for Indian Airforce ; and

(b) if so, what are the short listed contenders and details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) The two shortlisted firms are M/s Dassault Aviation of France and British Aerospace of U.K. Proposals received from both firms, are under examination.

उत्तर प्रदेश में लम्बित परियोजनाएं

*70 **श्री ईश दत्त यादव** : क्या योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार उत्तर प्रदेश में चल रही ऐसी परियोजनाओं की जाँच करने का विचार रखती है जो अपने निर्धारित समय पर पूरी नहीं हुई हैं ;

(ख) यदि हाँ तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) उक्त परियोजनाओं को शीघ्र पूरा करने के लिए केन्द्रीय सरकार द्वारा क्या प्रयास किए जा रहे हैं ?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री और गैर-पारंपरिक उर्जा स्रोत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुख राम) : (क) और (ख) कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन विभाग पूरे देश में प्रत्येक 20 करोड़ रुपए तथा उससे अधिक लागत वाली केन्द्रीय परियोजनाओं का प्रबोधन करता है । इस विभाग की प्रबोधन प्रणाली के अनुसार 31 मार्च, 1992 को उत्तर प्रदेश में राज्य से होकर गुजरने वाली अंतर-राज्यीय परियोजनाओं जैसे, विद्युत संचरण लाइन, रेलवे लाइन इत्यादि को छोड़कर, 14 केन्द्रीय परियोजनाएं कार्यान्वयनाधीन थीं जिनकी अनुमानित लागत 4647.30 करोड़ रुपए है । इनमें से 4 परियोजनाएं निर्धारित समय के अनुसार थीं, 9 परियोजनाएं स्वीकृत समय सीमा से पीछे थीं तथा शेष एक परियोजना के विषय में पूरे होने की तारीख की पुष्टि नहीं हुई थी ।

(ग) परियोजनाओं का विभिन्न स्तरों पर प्रबोधन किया जा रहा है । कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन विभाग द्वारा जारी की जाने वाली मासिक/तिमाही रिपोर्टों में संबंधित अभिकरणों द्वारा समस्या क्षेत्रों की आवश्यक सही कार्रवाई हेतु नियमित रूप से उजागर किया जाता है ।

Successful Test Firing of Agni Missile

*71. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER :

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India's second intermediate range ballastic missile "AGNI" was successfully test fired on May 29, 1992 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the extent of success achieved in the matter ; indicating its comparative success in relation to the first Agni test ;

(c) the cost involved therein ; and

(d) what steps are being taken to remove the snags which came in the way in its re-entry stage ?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR) : (a) and (b) The mission of second launch of the re-entry technology demonstrator 'AGNI' on 29 May, 1992 was to establish a highly manoeuverable trajectory, quite different from the first launch. Whereas the first launch was completely successful, the second launch was not completely successful due to control structural interaction

problem associated with extreme flight loads encountered during the flight.

(c) The total amount sanctioned under Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP) for the development of 'AGNI' is Rs. 59.35 crores. The expenditure incurred with respect to 2nd launch of 'AGNI' is about Rs. 5 crores.

(d) Post flight analysis in respect of 2nd launch has been undertaken to ascertain the steps/modifications required to overcome the short-comings.

Per Capita Consumption of Textiles

*72. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN :

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the per capita consumption of textiles has been steadily going up in the country ;

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to meet this growing demand ; and

(c) what is the latest per capita consumption of various types of textiles ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) Per capita consumption of cloth has remained more or less steady in the past few years.

(b) Statement is laid on the Table of the House. (*See* below).

(c) 15.07 mtrs. in 1989.

Statement

Steps Taken to Increase Production of Cloth

1. In the new Industrial Policy there is no restriction on setting up of mill/decentralised powerloom except locational restriction.

2. Government have already given fuller fibre flexibility.

3. Textile Machinery can be imported and duty on such machinery had already been reduced in present budget.

4. Textile Modernisation Fund was created in 1986 and up to the end of March, 92 sanctioned an amount of Rs. 1367 crores in respect of 357 cases out of which Rs. 836 crores have been disbursed in respect of 304 applications.

5. Financial assistance for modernisation of handlooms.

6. Scheme of training a cadre of 'Bunker Sevaks' for assisting weavers in transfer of improved technology.

7. Powerlooms have been regularised under the Textile Policy of 1985.

8. Government have set up 15 Powerloom Service Centres under the Textile Commissioner for ensuring better methods of production, diversification and better loom maintenance. They conduct training programmes to educate weavers in loom mechanism and remedying weaving defects etc. Government have also set up 6 more Powerloom Service Centres under the Textile Research Associations.

Export of Cotton

*73. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL :

DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the farmers have demanded to allow export of cotton bales ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that there is surplus production of cotton since last year ;

(c) whether it is also a fact that because of surplus production of cotton of few lakh bales—the prices of cotton have gone down heavily ;